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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Ports particularly Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust improved its global ranking in container handling during 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total container handled by each port, separately, upto the first quarter of 2007; and

(d) the measures taken to improve the ports to compete with global participants?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Indian Ports have improved their performance during the past years. Jawaharlal Nehru Port has improved its ranking from 32nd in the year 2005 to 28th among the top 100 Container Ports of world during year 2006. Details of the containers handled at various major ports during April-June, 2007 is as follows:

Name of Ports	Container Traffic Handled (In TEUs) (April-June, 2007)
Kolkata	96482
Jawaharlal Nehru	941829
Chennai	262048
Mumbai	27951
Visakhapatnam	13949
Paradip	901
Tuticorin	108861
New Mangalore	3713
Kandla	48000

(d): Major ports have undertaken various programmes aimed at augmenting traffic capacities as also strengthening their infrastructure in order to improve their performance and compete with global participants. Under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP), formulated by the Department of Shipping, a total number of 276 projects in the major ports involving development of berths, deepening of channels, equipment up-gradation and modernization, rail and road connectivity and other associated projects have been identified to be implemented by 2011-12.